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SUBJECT: SISTER CITY INTERNATIONAL 20TH ANNIVERSARY CONFERENCE

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1. POST NOMINATES MRS. MULIKAT A. ADELE-LAKANU, PUBLIC RELATIONS OFFICER, LAGOS CITY COUNCIL FOR 30-DAY IV GRANT TO PARTICIPATE SUBJECT CONFERENCE. PROPOSE FUND FROM TQ ALLOCATION. ORIGINALLY CONCEIVED AS PARTIAL GRANT, LAGOS CITY COUNCIL (LCC) MIGHT HAVE BEEN WILLING TO SHARE COSTS WERE IT NOT FGR TIGHTENING OF OFFICIAL TRAVEL IN LIGHT OF RECENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHANGES AND CONTROLS ON CURRUPTION.

2. FOR BIODATA, SEE 75 LAGOS 1363.

REASONS FOR NOMINATION: MRS. ADELE-LAKANU, A BRIGHT YOUNG AND VERY IMPRESSIVE WOMAN, WAS NOMINATED BY THE LAGOS CITY COUNCIL AS THE BEST PERSON TO REPRESENT CITY AT THIS YEAR'S SISTER CITY INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE. HAVING SERVED THE CITY WELL LAST YEAR ON A PRIVATE TRIP THAT INCLUDED SISTER CITY ATLANTA, MRS. ADELE-LAKANU WOULD BE IN BEST POSITION TO FOLLOWUP CONTACTS MADE AT THAT TIME, INCLUDING AN ANTICIPATED INVITATION FROM LAGOS TO THE MAYOR OF ATLANTA TO FESTAC. BEING ONE OF FEW LCC STAFFERS WHO HAS SURVIVED YEAR OF PURGE/REORGANIZATION, SHE BRINGS CONTINUITY TO THE SISTER CITY IDEA IN LAGOS.

OBJECTIVE OF US VISIT: THIS GRANT IS INTENDED TO FURTHER STRENGTHEN CULTURAL TIES BETWEEN THE CITIES OF ATLANTA AND LAGOS.
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IN SO DOING IT WOULD SUPPORT CPP OBJECTIVES I, III AND IV AND

COMPLEMENT OTHER EXCHANGE PROJECTS WHICH SUPPORT THESE OBJECTIVES.
ALTHOUGH BOTH CITIES ARE COMMITTED AS SISTER CITIES, A GRANT AT
THIS TIME WOULD INFUSE NEW LIFE INTO THE RELATIONSHIP, ESPECIALLY
SINCE THE LAGOS PARTICIPANT IN LAST YEAR'S CONFERENCE COULD
NOT TRAVEL DUE TO GOVERNMENTAL CHANGES AT THAT TIME.

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